

Town of East Windsor
Special Town Meeting
December 21, 2010

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Windsor was held at the Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT on December 12, 2010. The meeting was called to order by First Selectmen, Denise Menard at 7:30P.M.

Motion was made by Gilbert Hayes and seconded by Linda Sinsigallo to nominate John Burnham for Moderator. Jason Bowsza made a motion to have nominations cease seconded by Mark Simmons. Both motions passed unanimously. Town Clerk, Joanne M. Slater read the call to the meeting. Moderator, John Burnham read the statement of eligibility to vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Richard Coville.

Item #1: Resolved: To adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Create an Economic Development Commission" and to repeal the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Creating a Development and Industrial Commission" (64-2). Richard Coville moved the resolution, seconded by Gilbert Hayes.

"An Ordinance Creating an Economic Development Commission"

1. Pursuant to Sections 7-136 32-7, 32-23c, 32-99, 32-100, and 32-175 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and as created by Town Charter and Ordinance of January of 1964 and revised under the Town Charter of 2009 Chapter 7 Section 7-2(E) there is hereby established a comprehensive program to promote economic development in the Town of East Windsor and there is also established an Economic Development Commission for the Town of East Windsor.
2. The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for economic development in the Town of East Windsor by revising the ordinance establishing an Economic Development Commission, preparation of an economic development plan and strategy, and promotion of the growth, retention and diversification of business, industry and tourism through marketing, property tax incentives, and infrastructure development.
3. The commission is comprised of five (5) regular members and two (2) alternate members who shall reside in the Town of East Windsor. The members are appointed by the Board of Selectman. Two (2) members to serve for a term of one (1) year from January 1, 2011 two (2) members to serve for a term of two (2) years from January 1, 2011 and one (1) member to serve for a term of three (3) years from January 1, 2011, and thereafter each member shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. Said Economic Development Commission shall designate the chairman of said Commission. If no Chairman is designated, then said chief executive authority shall designate the chairman of said commission. All members appointed pursuant hereto shall serve until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.
4. Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the chief executive authority. Any such alternate members shall, when seated, have all the powers and duties of a member of the commission. In any case in which the members of the commission or alternates are appointed by the chief executive authority, any member or alternate may be removed by such authority for cause and, on request of such member or alternate, after public hearing.
5. The commission shall conduct research into the economic conditions and trends in its municipality, shall make recommendations to appropriate officials and agencies of its municipality regarding action to improve its economic condition and development, shall seek to coordinate the activities of and cooperate with unofficial bodies organized to promote such economic development and may advertise and may prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts and pamphlets which in its judgment will further its official purposes.
6. The Economic Development Commission shall have the following officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. All meetings will be chaired by the Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, meeting will be chaired by the Vice-Chairman. In the event that both Chairman and Vice-Chairman are absent, the meeting will be chaired by the Secretary. Meetings are to be held monthly, on a regularly scheduled day and time to

be determined by the commission, and as needed for special projects or hearings at the discretion of the Chairman.

7. The Economic Development Commission will annually submit a budget request to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion in the Town of East Windsor's budget during the month of February or as directed by the Board of Selectmen. Economic Development Commission funds annually appropriated for its purposes may not exceed one-twentieth of one per cent of the last-completed grand list of taxable property.
8. Commission shall annually prepare and transmit to Board of Selectman a report of its activities and of its recommendations for improving such economic conditions and development.

Ordinance (64-2) is hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication thereof in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of East Windsor.

No discussion followed. **The resolution passed unanimously.**

The following resolution was introduced and read by Dale Nelson.

Item #2: Resolved: To approve the Animal Control Services Cost Sharing Agreement by and between the Towns of Somers and East Windsor and to authorize the First Selectman to sign.

I move the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Dale Nelson moved the resolution, seconded by Paul Anderson. Discussion followed.

Florence Lockwood: Against this agreement.

David Lockwood: Asked if John Burnham or Denise Menard could explain this agreement.

Denise Menard: The Selectmen had the Town Attorney look at the agreement. The Attorney said that the agreement had all the requirements that make it statutorily correct in order for us to do a cost sharing service with another town. We have termination ability of within 90 days. The statutes require that these agreements have to be reviewed every 5 years and we are going to have it done every year. We need to start thinking of ways of sharing services with other towns to make it more economical. We have some shared services internally in town. Public Works went jointly in a large piece of equipment that is shared with WPCA. The Board of Education and the town share the computer services. The Police Dept have a few shared services. The Somers 1st Selectmen just terminated a full time animal control officer and are having problems with coverage for vacations, etc. We thought this sounded like something that we could do for each other. Somers has a very expensive animal control facility. They have an 8 bay facility and so do we.

Jim Hendsey: Somers facility has 10 bays.

Denise Menard: In a report for 2010, we had 73 animals housed in our facility last year. Somers had 17 animals. That is an average about 1 dog a month per 1st Selectman of Somers. They have their large facility that is costing them a lot of money for their 17 animals. It would be illogical for us to bring our animals some place where it would cost us more. The animal facility will be jointly shared in East Windsor. Our facility is older and it needs some repairs. There is some rot on the boards, which is something that we can take care of. We have reached an agreement with Somers where would be repairing our facility and will take care of the maintenance. If some major maintenance comes along we will talk with Somers and jointly share the cost 50/50. The animal control officers in Somers and East Windsor will share in the responsibility of feeding and cleaning. This agreement won't save East Windsor a lot of money, but it is a better cost savings for Somers. The agreement is that we will each pay for our own animal control officer. The personnel will remain personnel of the town they are presently personnel. Each Animal control officer is responsible for reporting to the State for their own town. Each town provides their own insurance. The contract is for 1 year at a time and with 90 days notice it could be terminated by either party. They are proposing to change the agreement to 60 days notice to terminate.

Florence Lockwood: Lots of residents have not been considered at all with this proposal. Somers pound is located in open space and not bothering any residents at all. There is some history from the 1980's of having residents disturbed. She went through a long bad time trying to solve the problems of the 80's.

She doesn't accept this proposal at all. Thinks all her neighbors feel the same way. A lot of people don't know about this meeting. A lot of people don't get the Journal Inquirer. It would be nice to have the legal advertisements in a free paper every week. It's quieter at the animal shelter now than it was, but still get a lot of calls. The dogs bark just from closing a car door.

Alan Gaudette: If something works, just leave it alone. They spent money about 10 years ago on remodeling; just leave it the way it is.

Barbara Zawilinski: She lives back to back with Millpond. The animal control and I have had quite a few issues and I have had some emergencies. Somers is not a bordering town. Because of the problems that have developed, especially with Millpond, they let animals go; she doesn't see combining with Somers. Just leave it as it is. Our Animal Control Officer is very helpful. He shouldn't be shipped out of town and Somers shouldn't come here. The Somers animal control officer doesn't know our town or us.

Denise Menard: We would not be shipping animal control officers from either town to another town except for vacation fill in or that kind of thing. Our animal control officer remains our animal control officer. There will be no change to that.

Sharon Muska: Somers has a problem and overbuilt their animal facility. It is not our problem. Is East Windsor winning anything from this?

Marie DeSousa: When South Windsor was building their animal facility, they looked at other towns to share with them. When Somers came, it was our town that pursued Somers to see if we could work together. In the agreement it says that we will bill all medical expenses for Somers.

Denise Menard: No, each town will bill their own.

Marie DeSousa: On Section 2c on the agreement it says, "Both towns will be responsible for medical expenses associated with animals from their own Towns. On section 2d it says, "Payments for the above expenses shall be made by Somers to East Windsor no later than thirty (30) days following Somers's receipt of a detailed invoice of such expenses from East Windsor".

Denise Menard: We should change the paragraphs, 2d should be where 2c is and 2c should be where 2d is.

Marie DeSousa: Back 3 or 4 years, statewide there was a lot of talk about regionalizing. This is just the start. To me, this animal control agreement is an area that would be least destructive to everyone. She understands the dog barking is a problem, but maybe that is something that can be worked on.

Jason Bowsza: Have there been any improvement to our facility that would limit or reduce the noise levels?

Denise Menard: No. In the 1980's, I believe that the dogs were left outside all night and now, I believe they are inside all night.

Jim Hendsey: No, the dogs are left outside all night. He only works 15 hours per week. If the dogs are put inside at 6pm and let out at 6am, that is already 12 hours that they have been inside.

Jason Bowsza: How much would this agreement save us?

Denise Menard: It would save us about \$2,000 a year.

Jason Bowsza: Is this a foot in the door to other shared services and would shared services be jeopardized by the rejection of this agreement?

Denise Menard: Already having discussions with the Somers 1st Selectman to have other joint services with Ellington, Somers and East Windsor.

Jim Hendsey: In 2010, 106 dogs went through East Windsor Animal facility. That is for the 7/1/09 – 6/30/10 year. In Somers, they do much more than 17 dogs per year. The Animal Control Officer that was there wasn't reporting all of them to the State.

David Yoho, who is the Animal Control Officer in Enfield, asked to speak as a non-voter. The Moderator allowed him to speak.

David Yoho, of Stafford: Somers picked up a lot more animals than were reported last year. The new Animal Control Officer picked up about 6 dogs and a few cats.

Denise Menard: Has been told that cats are not going to be done. She wants to know if he is telling her right now that the reports being filed with the State for the proposed Somers & East Windsor are not correct.

Jim Hendsey: I did 106 dogs from 7/1/09 – 6/30/10.

David Yoho: Somers picked up 23 dogs for the fiscal year. You can get that information right from the Somers annual report.

Richard Coville: Out of 106 dogs in East Windsor, how many were housed?

Jim Hendsey: All of them were housed. It could have been for 1 day or 4 months.

Richard Coville: How many animals did Somers say they housed, 17? This number is by the report that they submitted to the State. The accuracy of this report is questionable. It still comes down to roughly one additional dog.

Denise Menard: They have 3 that were either euthanized or D.O.A., so that would bring the number down to 14 dogs.

Richard Coville: That would be roughly one more dog a month.

Jim Hendsey: In 2010 we did 106 dogs, Ellington did over 100 dogs and Stafford Springs did 70 to 80 dogs. Somers is not doing 17 or 23 dogs; they are going to be close to 100 dogs this next year with this new Animal Control Officer handling the job.

Florence Lockwood: You are totally ignoring the residents around this area. In the 80's the dogs were kept outside at night and the pound was full. You heard the dogs day & night barking. It's not something you can put up with all night long. It could happen again now, if the dogs aren't put inside at night and they bark. These residents still live there. Why should we add to something that was proven to be a problem before?

The moderator asked for a hand vote. The results of the hand vote are: Yes 9 and No 16. The motion was defeated.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Jason Bowsza.

Item #3: Resolved: To recommend a transfer of \$28,370.00 from Section 8-5 (B) (4) to the following accounts:

- a. \$3,500.00 to PD/uniform Cleaning (**2145/380**)
- b. \$9,320.00 to PD/vehicle maintenance (**2145/430**)
- c. \$9000.00 to PD/ building (**2145/431**)
- d. \$6,550.00 to PD/gas & oil (**2145/620**)

I move the foregoing resolution be adopted. Jason Bowsza moved the resolution, seconded by Gilbert Hayes. Discussion followed. Paul Anderson wrote a letter to the Board of Finance supporting the Police and these transfers and he supports it now. **The resolution passed unanimously.**

The following resolution was introduced and read by Thomas Stremper.

Item #4 Resolved: To recommend a transfer of \$40,000 from the Contingency fund (**8410/890**) to the PD/Salary OT account (**2145/102**). I move the foregoing resolution be adopted. Thomas Stremper moved the resolution, seconded by Dale Nelson. No discussion followed. **The resolution passed unanimously.**

The following resolution was introduced and read by Linda Sinsigallo.

Item #5 Resolved: To recommend a transfer of \$27,535.83 from the Contingency fund (**8410/890**) to the PD/Salary OT account (**2145/103**). I move the foregoing resolution be adopted. Linda Sinsigallo moved the resolution, seconded by Thomas Stremper. No discussion followed. **The resolution passed unanimously.**

The following resolution was introduced and read by James Stremper.

Item #6 Resolved: To recommend a transfer of \$494.36 from Contingency 2 (**8410/895**) to the PD/Salary OT account (**2145/103**). I move the foregoing resolution be adopted. James Stremper moved the resolution, seconded by Gilbert Hayes. No discussion followed. **The resolution passed unanimously.**

The following resolution was introduced and read by Marie DeSousa.

Item #7 Resolved: To recommend a transfer of \$21,534.81 from the Section 8-5 (B) (4) to the PD/Salary OT account (**2145**/103). I move the foregoing resolution be adopted. Marie DeSousa moved the resolution, seconded by Jason Bowsza. No discussion followed. **The resolution passed unanimously.**

Denise Menard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gilbert Hayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne M. Slater, CCTC

Attest: _____
Town Clerk